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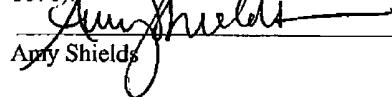
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**FUNAOKA, Masamitsu****Serial No.: 10/619,930****Filed:** July 15, 2003**For:** NOVEL LIGNIN DERIVATIVES,  
MOLDED PRODUCTS USING THE  
SAME METHOD AND PROCESS FOR  
MAKING THE SAME**Group Art Unit: 1711****Examiner:** Nutter, Nathan M.

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Amy Shields**Transmittal of Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- Preliminary Amendment
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Terminal Disclaimer
- Sequence Listing printout, floppy diskette, Statement of Sequence Listing
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 (modified), References
- Check in the amount of \$0.00.

2. Entity Status

- Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27) is asserted.

3. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time, if necessary, for timely of this transmittal and enclosures.

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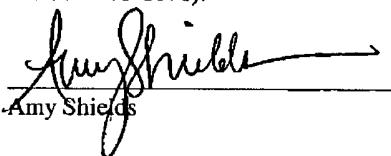
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit  
Account No. 50-2586.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

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